

# Caveland Educational Support Center

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## Regional Autism Team Meeting February 3, 2006

**Present:** Penny Adams, Robert Allen, Joyce Alford, Shannon Batchelor, Leanne Coffman, Laura Denning, Vickie Embry, MaryAnn Forbes, Kim Higginbotham, Celeste Hinton, Karin Holland, Cindy Hurt, Debra Myers, Natalie Noe, Janice Smith, Vicki Smith, Kelley Wanta, Debbie Walton, Shelia Wethington, Cindy Whittington and Beth Waddell

**Absent:** Marty Boman, Regina Guthrie, Vicki Houk, Linda Hunt, Joyce Lopez, Dana McCubbins, Connie Poynter, Candy Stolt, & Cynthia York

### Business Meeting

**New Members & Update member roster:** Two new members were added to our team - Natalie Noe (Logan) and Cindy Whittington (Edmonson).

**Sharing of information related to Autism:** Several announcements of workshops in the area were made, including KATC Winter/Spring Workshops, ABA training February 10, and

**TEACCH Consultation Training at UNC by Deb & Kim:** Deb and Kim talked about their experience at the Consultation Level Training held by Division TEACCH. The consultation level training emphasized informal assessments, data collection and progress monitoring, and program choreography. The TEACCH program has developed a certification program to uphold the integrity of their program by consultants not directly affiliated with UNC. The certification process is quite lengthy and includes shadow training for hands-on level workshop, written and oral examinations.

### Autism 101 Tool Kit for Teachers

The group reviewed plans from September 2005 meeting.

**Purpose:** To provide introductory information and practical strategies on autism to school personnel in the region.

**Organization:** Two tool kits will be developed and housed at Caveland Educational Support Center. Districts will be provided copies of any basic information. Books and curriculum items will be purchased by the district should they decide to make their own tool kit.

**Contents and status:**

- 1) Table of Contents (Draft)
- 2) General Characteristics of autism (Done)
- 3) How to sheets (KATC) (Done)
- 4) Overview of prominent strategies (Done)
- 5) Hidden Epidemic CD (**Joyce Alfred to make copies**)

- 6) Informational and Instructional Resource Lists (books, websites, publishers) **ONLY FAVORITES! (Everyone by 2/10/06)**
- 7) BOOKS: Tasks Galore Set, Treasure Chest of Behavior Strategies, The Source of Autism **ONLY FAVORITES! (Everyone by 2/10/06)**
- 8) Brochures of various resource agencies (e.g. KATC, KAP, CESC, TRIAD, WCEC, WKU CEC) – **(Regina Guthrie)**
- 9) Parent Information, (regional support groups, children books on autism, sleeping/eating issues) **(Everyone 2/10/06)**
- 10) Community Providers listings (Done)
- 11) CESC Library listings on Autism and AT library list (Done)
- 12) Sample of Social Stories **(Everyone by 2/10/06)**

**The group decided on the following additions:**

- 1) Include NASP Handouts on Autism (Done)
- 2) Samples of visual schedules and token systems **(Everyone by 2/10/06)**
- 3) More social story samples **(Everyone by 2/10/06)**
- 4) KDE Autism Technical Manual (Deb)
- 5) Listing of Computer programs (Boardmaker, Writing with Symbols, Schedule/Sequence It, and DTTrainer trial CD) (Deb)
- 6) Social Skills Instruction references **(Everyone by 2/10/06)**
- 7) More specific information on TEACCH, Social Stories, ABA, and Visual supports
- 8) Catalog Section: Different Roads to Learning, Future Horizons, Mayer Johnson, North Carolina Bookstore (Done)
- 8) Articles (TAP Magazine, Video?, Noglmour) ??????
- 9) Parent support Section (Support groups, feeding/sleeping issues, Brochures of agencies, Children's Books, Transition Cards for Parents) **(Everyone by 2/10/06)**

## Individual Committee Work

Each committee was to review Action Plan and worked on plans for upcoming year. See Action plans.

**Next Meeting: March 13**